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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-23**

4 **A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION**
5 **OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA**
6 **SUPPORTING APPLICANTS FOR RE-**
7 **EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, RETROACTIVE**
8 **BENEFITS AND MORE EXPEDIENT PROCESSING**
9 **OF APPLICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN**
10 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

11 **WHEREAS**, by Executive Order 20-51, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis directed
12 the Florida Department of Health to issue a Public Health Emergency as of March 1, 2020,
13 in the State of Florida due to Coronavirus (COVID-19); and,
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15 **WHEREAS**, by Executive Order 20-52, on March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis
16 declared a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida; and,
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18 **WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has decimated the economy of Florida including, without
19 limitation the commercial, hospitality, service, restaurants, bars, sales, and manufacturing
20 sectors and trades; and,
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22 **WHEREAS**, during this pandemic occurring within our State, on April 7, 2020, the
23 Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation advised Governor DeSantis to retroactively aid
24 applicants of re-employment to the date when they lost their jobs; and,
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26 **WHEREAS**, on April 22, 2020, this retroactive measure was approved;
27 Nevertheless, with only about 16 percent out of more than 108,000 re-employment benefit
28 claims have been paid, leaving many applicants frustrated and anxious.
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30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IS RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE**
31 **COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, THAT:**
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33 **Section 1. Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct, and incorporated
34 herein by this reference and are hereby adopted as the legislative and administrative
35 findings of the Village Commission.
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37 **Section 2. Support Retroactive Benefits.** The members of the Village
38 Commission of the Village of Biscayne Park hereby support the Miami-Dade County
39 Legislative Delegation's letter urging Governor Ron DeSantis to allow applicants who have
40 applied for reemployment benefits have their benefits retroactive to the date they lost their
41 jobs, and support the Governor's subsequent approval.
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43 **Section 3. Support Expedient Processing.** The members of the Village
44 Commission of the Village of Biscayne Park hereby support more expedient processing of
45 re-employment benefit applications, and urge Governor Ron DeSantis to direct state
46 agencies to make every effort to alleviate applicant frustration and anxiety in these
47 unprecedented and uncertain times.

1 **Section 4. Transmittal.** The Village Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a
2 certified copy of this Resolution to Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, the Miami Dade
3 County League of Cities, and any interested party who requests a copy.
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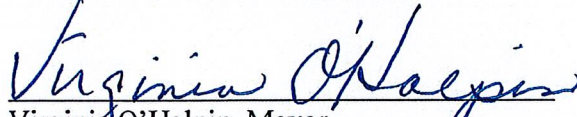
5 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately
6 upon its adoption.
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8 PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of May, 2020.
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10 The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Samaria who moved its
11 adoption. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Tudor, and upon being put to a vote
12 the vote was as follows:
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14	Virginia O'Halpin, Mayor	Yes
15	William Tudor, Vice Mayor	Yes
16	MacDonald Kennedy, Commissioner	Yes
17	Roxanna Ross, Commissioner	Yes
18	Dan Samaria, Commissioner	Yes
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21 VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK

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24 Virginia O'Halpin, Mayor
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27 ATTEST:

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30 Roseann Prado, Village Clerk
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34 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE
35 USE AND RELIANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK ONLY:
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John R. Herin, Jr., Interim Village Attorney